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AHS coach arrested, charged with statutory rape

Individual no longer affiliated with school district, superintendent says

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications
Correspondent

AGAWAM – An Agawam High School volleyball coach is facing statutory rapes charges after allegedly engaging in an affair with a 15-year-old female between March and May.

Police in Agawam and Westfield arrested Michael Rash, 24, of Westfield, on June 6. He was arraigned on two counts of statutory rape of a child. Judge Philip Contant set Rash's bail at \$1,000. The bail was posted and Rash was released on June 9 after spending a weekend in jail.

According to a report from

the Agawam Police Department, the 15-year-old victim's mother obtained knowledge of the affair by seeing content on the victim's cellular telephone. She immediately took the information to the Agawam police. The police interviewed the alleged victim on June 5

The police report states the af-

fair started in March when the victim and Rash engaged in a relationship beginning with Snapchat messages. Snapchat is a picture messaging application for phones. The relationship continued with text messages and then soon after, the victim began meeting up with Rash by sneaking out of her house after midnight on Wednesdays. Ac-

cording to the report, Rash played in a pool league at a local bar.

The report states the victim had a physical relationship with Rash and once her mother discovered the relationship, she confronted her daughter and went to the police.

Superintendent of Schools William Sapelli sent a letter home to

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Turley Publications photos by Mike Lydick

Cole Page, a first-grader at Granger Elementary School, climbs into the cab of a Republic Services trash truck as part of a safety lesson presented at his school by Patrick Mallalieu, right, operations supervisor for the company. Isabella Spaulding, left, another first-grader, also sat in the cab as part of a demonstration about the "danger zone" – the area around the truck where it's hardest for drivers to see children.

Republic Services offers summer safety lesson

By Mike Lydick
Turley Publications
Correspondent

AGAWAM – The big, bright blue trash trucks rumbling through Agawam's streets every week provide a vital service – but they also pose a potential danger to children.

"Children are often fascinated by our trucks, however, they don't understand how hazardous the trucks can be," said Patrick Mallalieu, operations supervisor for Republic Services, which provides waste and recycling services for the town.

He added that children may often play around the trucks when

they are stopped and not understand the loud beeping sounds the trucks make when backing up. And, if a child runs out into the street chasing a ball, for example, truck drivers may not see the child.

To educate children about the dangers being around large ve-

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DiSanti makes second run for state representative

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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Correspondent

AGAWAM – Agawam resident Samuel DiSanti has declared he will make another run for state representative when he challenges incumbent State Rep. Nicholas Boldyga, R-Southwick, this fall for a seat in the Third Hampden District.

DiSanti ran two years ago against Boldyga and was unsuccessful.

"I want to have an actual voice on Beacon Hill for all policies," said DiSanti. "I will vote on both sides of the aisle, not in lock step with my party. I want to pass legislation that will benefit all working families and work against fraud." DiSanti is retired from the United States Postal Service. He is a four-year U.S. Air Force veteran, and has lived in Agawam for 17 years.

"At 59 years old, I found myself looking at the future of Agawam and the Third Hampden District

in a positive way," said DiSanti. "As the state representative, I will promise openness and availability."

DiSanti says he has no political experience with the exception of his 2012 run against Boldyga. He

believes he will bring an unbiased voice to the Statehouse because he is not with any particular political group locally.

"I am not affiliated with any local town political groups," DiSanti said. "I am asking that voters in this district, 'look to your future and change the same dead-end road we have been heading down for many years.' Voters have to be willing to change their voting pattern and take an interest in their own future."

DiSanti says he is looking at several issues he wants to dive into as a potential state representative. He is very interested in putting a stop to welfare fraud. He says no one wants to tackle the issue of welfare.

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Fate of 2015 student tests rests with school committee

By Mike Lydick
Turley Publications
Correspondent

AGAWAM – The school committee will decide Tuesday night whether Agawam students will be tested next spring using a nearly two decade's old standardized test program or a newer assessment program designed for the 21st century.

The committee must choose between administering the new Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) – designed to replace the current Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment

System (MCAS) – or remain with MCAS for one more year.

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has given all districts a June 30 deadline to make the decision. Only one of the tests can be administered to students in grades 3 through 8. High school students will continue taking MCAS as a graduation requirement through the Class of 2018.

DESE will vote next fall on whether to implement the

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"The decision the committee will have to make is which of the two assessment programs is best for our kids."

– Superintendent William Sapelli



City Council meeting agenda

Roberta G. Doering School
68 Main St.
Monday, June 23
7 p.m.

1. Roll Call

2. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance

3. Citizen’s Speak Time

4. Minutes: Regular Council Meeting – June 2, 2014

5. Declaration from Council President

6. Presentation of Petitions, Resolutions, Memorials and Remonstrances

1. TR-2014-25- A Resolution authorizing the Reservation and Appropriation of Funds from the Community Preservation Fund (CPA)

7. Report of Council Committees

8. Elections

9. Public Hearings

1. PH-2014-4 (TR-2014-24) - A Reso-

- lution adopting the Fiscal Year 2015 Annual Operating Budget for the Town of Agawam (Tabled 6/2/14) (Mayor)
10. Old Business
1. TOR-2014-3- An Ordinance to Amend the Chapter 114 of the Agawam Town Code entitled “Junk and Second-hand Dealers” (Mayor) (Referred to Legislative Committee) (Tabled 6/2/14) (1 of 2 readings)
2. TOR-2014-13- Transfer \$169,345.09 from Line Items Reserve (#16605-57300 to the following (Mayor) (Referred to Finance Committee): Snow & Ice Overtime (#14201-51031), \$55,247.11; Equipment Rental (#14202-52071), \$69,112.80; Hwy Ice Control Material (#14203-52210), \$44,985.18.
11. New Business: Unavailable at press time.
12. Any other matter that may legally come before the City Council.
- Adjournment

Humason to hold office hours at library

State Sen. Don Humason of the 2nd Hampden & Hampshire District, and his staff will hold public office hours at the Agawam Public Library in the Peirce Conference Room Tuesday, June 24 from 10 to 11 a.m.

The Agawam Public Library is located at 750 Cooper St. All are welcome to come, visit, and share their thoughts or concerns on state matters.

Humason and staff are also available to meet with constituents at the district office located at 64 Noble St., Westfield. No appointment is necessary, but calling ahead to (413) 561-1366 is recommended. Humason’s Boston office can be reached at (617) 722-1415 for legislative matters. His email is Donald.Humason@MASenate.gov and his website is www.DonHumason.org.

Regular School Committee meeting agenda

Roberta G. Doering School
68 Main St.
Tuesday, June 24 – 7 p.m.

- 6:30 p.m. – Public Hearing PARCC/MCAS
1. Call to order

2. Moment of silence

3. Roll call of attendance

4. Regular meeting – 7 p.m.

5. Citizen’s Speak Time:

6. Highlights on Education:

a. “Y Express” update – Tom Ashe, Kathy Weiss

b. Advance Placement update – Scott Trahan

7. Superintendent’s Notes:

8. Student Advisory Committee representative update:

9. Unfinished business:

a. Superintendent’s evaluation

b. PARCC/MCAS Assessment Vote

10. Business meeting:

- a. Routine matters
- 1) Approval of minutes
- 2) Calendar/Correspondence
- b. Warrants/Transfers
- c. Reports:
- 1). Scheduled reports:
- Personnel update (paper report)
- Financial update – R. Clickstein
- 2). Subcommittee updates
11. New Business:
- a. SCR-14-19, Acceptance of \$3,000.00 donation from Easthampton Savings Bank to purchase Bright Links projectors for Benjamin Phelps School
- b. SCR-14-20, Approval of revised behavior guidelines for AHS Student Handbook
12. Personnel:
- a. Introduction of new Doering School Assistant Principal, Mr. Chad Joyal
13. Any other items that may legally come before the committee
14. Adjournment

Embattled goat keeper dies from cancer

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM – Alan Griffin, an Agawam resident who has gone nose-to-nose with the town for many years over the right to maintain goats on his North Street property, died of cancer last week. He was 60.

Griffin, a former mayoral candidate, advocated for many years to retain the goats because of medical reasons. His wife, Suzanne, suffers from a disease known as colitis. Because of her condition, her doctor, Dr. George E. Reynolds of Family Medicine in Westfield, recommends she consumes goat’s milk frequently. The milk is not readily available because it is illegal to distribute in Massachusetts. In order to get the milk, Griffin has traveled to Vermont in the past.

“It’s also very expensive,” he said in a previous interview with the Agawam Advertiser News. “It can cost me about \$15 a gallon.”

Griffin purchased goats in late 2006 attempting to milk them in order to save the expense of driving to Vermont. The front area of his property is located in a residential district while the rear of his property is zoned Agricultural and Conservation. Not long after putting the goats on his property, a complaint was issued by a neighbor asking for their removal.

After a long battle with the town and the Board of Appeals, Griffin was ordered to remove the goats. Town officials had received

permission to remove the goats from the property themselves, but Griffin removed them before the town could do so.

Neighbors began the complaint process because they were unhappy with the smell produced by the goats. Paul Cooke, a community access monitor and former resident of Agawam, had said federal law favors the Griffins and the goats should be allowed on the property based on the fact the milk they produce is essential to Suzanne Griffin’s health. The goats can be likened to service animals such as seeing-eye dogs. A federal court appeal was dismissed recently. Suzanne Griffin has said she will continue to fight and advocate to get the goats back with the help of a family friend who is an attorney.

There are currently two pending court cases for Griffin. One is a land court case where she is demanding the court make accommodations for the goats because of her disability.

Another case is an appeal hearing currently scheduled for July 14 with the Massachusetts Commission against Discrimination. In that case, Griffin is accusing the town of violating her civil rights.

The goats were removed from the property in October 2013 after the Griffins had exhausted all legal recourses at the time. There was a court order in place that allowed Agawam officials to go on the property and seize the animals. Alan Griffin moved the goats to a friend’s property before that could happen.

Town releases local permitting guidebook

AGAWAM – Mayor Richard A. Cohen has announced the availability of the town’s recently updated Agawam Permitting Guidebook, which provides useful information on all permits required in the community.

“This guidebook makes it easy and friendly for those going through the permitting process,” he said. “It provides the public with a lot of information in an understandable format. It is our goal to work with individuals and businesses expeditiously and respectfully.”

The guidebook is intended to provide a helpful tool for all wishing to initiate any construction projects in the town. It addresses both commercial and residential construction and was developed by the town. Two earlier guidebooks were prepared in partnership with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission and the Agawam Chamber of Commerce.

The guidebook provides a listing of all permits required in the community, required fees and detailed contact information for every municipal board or entity. It also provides several flowcharts for land use project review and approval, such as subdivisions, special permits, and variances.

A copy of it can be found at agawam.ma.us, at the office of the Agawam town clerk, or at the Planning and Community Development Office in town hall.

For more information, contact Deborah S. Dachos, Agawam director of planning and community development, at (413) 786-0400, ext. 8738.

Local students attain honors at Suffield Academy

SUFFIELD - The following local students were among those to be named to the spring semester honor roll at Suffield Academy.

Angela Vecchiarelli, of Agawam; Trevor Lyne, Marysa Massoia, and Nicholas Pellegrini, of Feeding Hills, and Nicole Matysiak, of Springfield, a graduate of Agawam High School.

B.E.FiT to hold grand opening

A grand opening/ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for Friday, July 18, from 4:30-8 p.m. at B.E. FiT, Fitness for Life, located at 360 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills.

B.E. FiT, meant for the average individual that wants to feel like an athlete, provides a private setting for those who are worried about going to a gym out of fear of being judged. B.E. FiT’s mission is to provide a safe, stress-free environment to give individuals the best chance possible to maintain a lifestyle change.

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Opinion

One step closer

Our country moved one step closer to helping our veterans survive AFTER they've returned home from war with the passage of the Veterans Health Care Access Received Closer to Home Act of 2014. The Senate approved the bill 93-3, with Republican Senators Bob Corker of Tennessee, Ron Johnson of Wisconsin and Jeff Sessions of Alabama voting no. Now, it will hopefully make it to President Barack Obama for his signature.

The bill expresses the sense of Congress in support of veteran-centric health care coordination between the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and community providers, as well as cost-effective VA purchase of veterans' care from the private sector.

It will require: (1) that medical appointments for veterans, under the pilot program, occur during the 30-day period beginning on the date that is 15 days after the appointment is requested, and (2) the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to ensure that eligible veterans are informed of the program.

Introduced in Senate on Feb. 3, 2014, the bill amends the Veterans' Mental Health and Other Care Improvements Act of 2008, and will make it easier for veterans to receive treatment from local doctors instead of having to experience long waiting times for VA medical care. If finalized the bill will authorize approximately \$35 billion in a course of three years to pay for outside care, hire hundreds of doctors and nurses, as well as rent multiple health care facilities in 17 different states and Puerto Rico.

Even though it sounds like a lot of money earmarked for care for our veterans, an early analysis of the plan estimates by letting veterans seek care from non-VA providers it will cost roughly \$50 billion each year (according to the Congressional Budget Office). So, this is just a small step in the right direction, but at least it's a step closer. In the meantime the staggering statistic of 22 veterans committing suicide every day still lingers. And that is a very conservative number because some are not reported.

It's a shame it takes a scandal to open the eyes of our lawmakers, with this bill falling on the heels of information being released by a government inspector general who reported that VA hospitals and clinics were covering up months-long waiting lists of veterans who were trying to see a doctor. The VA audit released earlier this month showed that more than 120,000 veterans hadn't received medical appointments or had been waiting for more than 90 days. By calculation, that's 1,980 veterans across the country who likely committed suicide in the course of those 90 days. Shame on our Department of Veterans Affairs for failing our veterans in their greatest time of need.

Here's our chance as a country to try to save lives. Give these veterans a fighting chance, give them the treatment and the health services they need. The war doesn't stop when they return home. It's time we focus on Operation Veterans Survival – a war raging in our own backyards.



Letter to the Editor

Community steps up to bring 'moments of joy' to kids

To the editor:

The "Lace 'Em Up For Lexi" Committee is sending out a heartfelt thank you to all the wonderful people who worked so hard to make our sixth annual run/walk event a great success. Thank you to the workers who were there long before 7 a.m. on a Saturday morning to set up tents and tables and then dismantled them after the race.

Thank you to all who set out snacks, juice and water, manned the water stations, registration tables and gave out T-shirts. Thank you to the people who worked on the posters and the merchants who displayed them. Thank you to those who helped with the children's race, which preceded the main event. Most especially, thank you to all our spon-

sors, walkers, and runners – you are the backbone of our event every year. Thank you to everyone who helped in any capacity before, during and after the race – you know who you are – and you are "our heros!"

We would also like to publicly thank Agawam Opticians for its sponsorship. Their name was inadvertently left off of our 2014 T-shirt. Our sincere apologies to Mr. Vanderhoof and a big thank you for your gracious response to our error.

The Jagodowski family issues a special thank you to Pastor Ken Blanchard and his wife, Meri, of the Agawam United Methodist Church, who led a group of caring and supportive parishioners in the walk. Sincerest thanks to all for helping to "bring moments of joy to courageous kids" in our community.

The 2014 "Lace'Em Up for Lexi" Committee

Happy birthday

As a Christian church, we recently celebrated our birthday. The Jewish holiday of "Feast of Weeks" or "Pentecost" (50 days after Passover), which commemorates the anniversary of the day God gave the Torah to the entire nation of Israel assembled at Mount Sinai, was the day on which God, the Holy Spirit came upon and dwelt in the first disciples of Jesus Christ. This began this new entity, called the church.

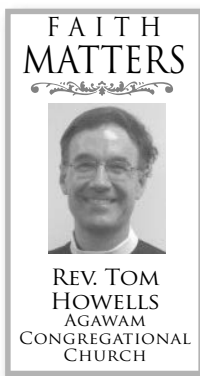
The new reckoning of the liturgical church year says we are in "Ordinary Time," since the Sundays are expressed numerically (ordinally). Ordinary time encompasses that part of the Christian Church year that does not fall within Advent, Christmas, Lent or Easter. Some traditions still use the older designations of "Season after Epiphany" and "Season after Pentecost." I prefer to use the second designa-

tion emphasizing what happened on Pentecost and the effect it is to have on our lives and that of our churches and therefore on our community.

Jesus promised his disciples that when they received the Holy Spirit of God they would receive "power" to do what they were in fact to do. The word "power" in Greek is dunamin from which we get our English word "dynamite." Power can be used to destroy or dominate, but that is not what Jesus and God intended. We receive extraordinary power from the Holy Spirit to witness, as the early disciples, to the wonderful works of God in our lives.

The Christian church is by name exclusive referring to those who are "called" [Greek – ekklesia] or set apart to Christ as savior and Lord. But it soon became "inclusive" on the day of Pentecost when

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In the Classroom

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Students, salon team up to help others

Students in Kerry Donohue's sixth-grade class at the Roberta G. Doering School in Agawam have been working on a community project, which culminated Monday, June 9, when Donohue and her students walked to Sebastian's Salon and donated 68 ponytails to Locks of Love – a non-profit organization that provides free hairpieces to children under 21 suffering from long-term hair loss because of any diagnosis. Sebastian's Salon, located on Walnut Street Ext. in Agawam,

cut the ponytail of each girl and styled it free of charge, donating their time and talent in order to let the girls give back to the community.

In addition, Sebastian's Salon, thanks to fundraising and donations received, presented the girls with prizes. Emily Fontaine won the prize for shortest haircut, Payton Lemke won the award for longest hair, and Dorina Kodreanu won the award for most hair donated.



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Students in Kerry Donohue's class at the Roberta G. Doering School are pictured before having their hair cut to benefit Locks of Love.



The girls show off their new hairdos, courtesy of Sebastian's Salon in Agawam.

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witness was born to God's wonder in many different languages (some 16 regions are mentioned). This inclusion of others into the fellowship is what our witness is to bear. We are to live Pentecostal lives in the power of

the Holy Spirit to witness by word and action to the wonderful works of God. With your birthday into the church you began a life of power. May you continue to experience and express God's love and grace every day of your life. Happy birthday!

Scholarships LIONS SCHOLARS



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The Agawam Lions Club hosted the 2014 Lions Club Scholarship winners Wednesday, June 4. Back row (from left), William Egan, Lions Club member; Tim Consedine, Shayla Olson and Scott Barber, scholarship winners; and William Sapelli, superintendent of schools. Front row (from left), Megan Cecchi and Rachel Burton, scholarship winners; and Scott Wheeler, Lions Club member. Missing from the photo is scholarship winner Brooke Gamelli.

CHAMBER SCHOLAR



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West of the River Chamber Education Committee Chairperson, Alan Rogers, right, is pictured with Chamber scholarship recipient Michael Rossi, a graduate of Agawam High School.

REALTOR ASSOCIATION SCHOLAR

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This year marks the 40th year the Realtor Association of Pioneer Valley has awarded scholarships to area high school graduates about to enter college. This year, 19 students were awarded a total of \$11,500. Among those is Brendan M. Fowler, a graduate of Agawam High School. He will be attending Springfield Technical Community College and majoring in general science/marine biology. He is the son of Brian and Eileen Fowler, of Agawam.



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FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 76 EMS calls and the following emergency response calls for the week from June 10 to June 16.

On June 11 at 7:36 a.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for lockout.

On June 11 at 8:19 a.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for good intent call, other.

On June 11 at 8:29 a.m., the department responded to Southwick Street for motor vehicle accident with no injuries.

On June 11 at 10:46 a.m., the department responded to Cardinal Drive to assist invalid.

On June 12 at 5:30 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for lockout.

On June 12 at 6:57 p.m., the department responded to Southwick Street for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On June 13 at 8 a.m., the department responded to Meadowbrook Manor for cooking fire, confined to container.

On June 13 at 9:13 a.m., the department responded to Wright Street for public service assistance, other.

On June 13 at 9:21 a.m., the department responded to Main Street for public service.

On June 13 at 10:18 a.m., the department responded to Cambridge Street for public service assistance, other.

On June 13 at 5 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for lockout.

On June 14 at 6:23 a.m., the department responded to Cooper Street and was canceled en route.

On June 14 at 8:34 a.m., the department responded to School Street for public service assistance, other.

On June 14 at 11:54 a.m., the department responded to Meadowbrook Manor for central station, malicious false alarm.

On June 14 at 12:34 p.m., the department responded to Southwick Street for lockout.

On June 15 at 8 a.m., the department responded to Moore Street for citizen complaint.

On June 15 at 6:35 p.m., the department responded to Bunker Hill Road for public service assistance, other.

On June 16 at 9:02 a.m., the department responded to Norman Terrace Ext. for good intent call, other.

On June 16 at 9:28 a.m., the department responded to South Street for public service.

POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 330 calls for service from June 10 to June 16. The department made 15 arrests. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

Tuesday, June 10

Ivan Orlando Perez, 47, of 1119 Main St., Agawam, was arrested on a warrant.

Wednesday, June 11

Teana Marie Padilla, 27, of 60 Chapin St., Apt. R, Holyoke, was arrested on charges of operating a motor vehicle with license suspended and a default warrant.

Ian Wrann, 26, of 2 South St., Enfield, Conn., was arrested on a municipal by-law or ordinance violation.

William Preston III, 22, of 12 Dartmouth St., Enfield, Conn., was arrested on a municipal by-law or ordinance violation.

Friday, June 13

Christopher J. Sattler, 34, of 169 Senator Ave., Agawam, was arrested on a charge of domestic assault and battery.

Sunday, June 15

Paul Drake, 34, of 20 Meadow Lane, Southwick, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Brian Grenier, 52, of 76 Warrenville Road, Mansfield Center, Conn., was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Richard Edward Jones, 27, of 7 River St., Apt. 2D, Mattapan, was arrested on charges of trespassing, disorderly conduct, and re-

sisting arrest.

Veronica Denise Abreu, 30, of 141 Exchange Ave., Medford, was arrested on a charge of trespassing.

Monday, June 16

James M. Lewis, 21, of 12 Lenox St., Feeding Hills, was arrested on charges of wanton destruction of property over \$250, malicious damage to a motor vehicle, and trespassing with a motor vehicle.

A juvenile from Springfield was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct and receiving stolen property over \$250.

Two juveniles from Springfield were each arrested on a charge of receiving stolen property over \$250.

A juvenile from Springfield was arrested on charges of receiving stolen property over \$250, disorderly conduct, assault and battery on a police officer, and resisting arrest.

Rafael Antonio Cosme-Acevedo, 26, of 245 Whiting Farms Road, Holyoke, was arrested on charges of receiving stolen property over \$250, fugitive from justice on court warrant, and furnishing false name and Social Security number.

Fate of 2015 student tests rests with school committee

SCHOOL, from page 1

PARCC assessment in English/Language Arts and math statewide in the spring of 2016. The plan is to continue to administer MCAS exams in science.

MCAS doesn't measure new standards

MCAS, which was developed in the mid-1990s, is being phased out by the state because it isn't aligned with the Common Core curriculum standards now being used by all Massachusetts school districts.

"The reason for the change is really two-fold," said Sapelli. "First, MCAS is outdated and doesn't truly measure our new curriculum standards. Second, PARCC gets students used to taking an assessment online – something they will likely be required to do if they go on to college," he said.

Sapelli said the state is giving districts the opportunity to get a head start on using PARCC before it becomes mandatory. "There is no risk if Agawam chooses to administer PARCC next spring," he said.

Districts that choose PARCC will have their 2015 accountability levels "held harmless" (i.e., the level will stay the same or improve from 2014, but cannot decline). However, districts that stay with MCAS will not be held harmless – accountability levels will be classified as usual.

Although PARCC is designed to be taken online using computers, it will be available in 2015 as both an online version and a paper version, Sapelli said.

Assistant Superintendent Allison LeClair, who oversees curriculum and instruction, said when the school committee voted several years ago to become a Race to the Top district, Agawam was required to adopt a more rigorous curriculum in exchange for additional grant money. She said the district began transitioning to the Common Core curriculum in the 2011-12 school year. "PARCC is the assessment program that will help teachers and administrators determine if students are meeting the Common Core standards that we implemented," added LeClair.

Since Agawam students have been using the Common Core curriculum for the past three years, they are "better prepared" for PARCC than students in districts that didn't implement the curriculum until just recently.

"Our students have already experienced the new assessment program," said LeClair.

Students prefer online assessment program

Agawam was one of several districts statewide that pilot-tested PARCC this spring.

LeClair said a DESE student survey found that a majority of the students who took PARCC – 74 percent for the ELA test and 56 percent for the math test – preferred using the computer instead of the traditional paper and pencil.

Agawam has also made major improvements to its technology infrastructure in the last few years. "Our information technology department has dedicated funds and manpower to ensure we have the capacity to handle an online assessment," said Sapelli.

He said districts that have not made the needed technology improvements for online assessments may decide to stay with MCAS in 2015.

Although there may be concerns about the Common Core curriculum or increased use of standardized tests, Sapelli said that is not the issue. He said the decision the committee must make is which test students will take next spring, not what curriculum to use or how many standardized tests to take.

Deciding between MCAS and PARCC

"The state requires the school committee to decide between one of two assessment programs for 2015," Sapelli added. "The committee needs to choose which of the two assessment programs they believe is best for our kids. That's the only decision that needs to be made."

Sapelli said he and LeClair held a workshop on PARCC and MCAS for committee members prior to its June 10 meeting. He said the goal of that workshop was to give the committee members as much information as possible so they can make an informed decision.

When asked if he will make a recommendation about which assessment program to use, Sapelli said he doesn't plan to do that. "It would put undue pressure on the committee before they take their vote. I don't want to do that," he said.

Prior to voting, the committee will hold a hearing to allow public comments about which assessment program they think the committee should choose. The June 24 public hearing will take place from 6:30-7 p.m. in the auditorium of the Roberta G. Doering Middle School.

A PowerPoint presentation, "Information to Help Agawam Public Schools Choose MCAS or PARCC in Spring 2015," has been posted on the district's website www.agawampublicschools.org in the News and Events section. Parents are also encouraged to complete a short survey concerning PARCC and MCAS that is in the same section.

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Business

Summit ToyotaLift awarded highest dealership honor

Toyota Material Handling, U.S.A., Inc. (TMHU) recently awarded Summit ToyotaLift its highest dealership honor, the President's Award, for 2013. Summit ToyotaLift is one of 15 recipients of this distinguished award and was selected from TMHU's network of 70 dealers and 220 dealership locations in the United States and Canada, including one at 37 North Ramah Circle, Agawam.

This is the sixth time Summit ToyotaLift has been awarded the President's Award.

Celebrating more than 45 years in business in North America, TMHU is the supplier of Toyota lift trucks, the number one selling brand since 2002. In addition to the full line of lift trucks, the company's extended industrial equipment solutions include Automated Guided Vehicles and scissor lifts.



From the left, Jeff Rufener, president of Toyota Material Handling U.S.A., Inc., Larry and Helen McKevitt, and Paul and Sue Weymann of Summit ToyotaLift, and Kane Sasaki, executive vice president and chief technology officer of Toyota Industries Corporation and president of Toyota Material Handling Group.

Food bank fundraiser



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Michael Margiotta, owner of On Time Accounting in Feeding Hills, held a fundraiser for The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts on Tuesday, May 13, at the Shakago Martini & Piano Bar in Springfield. The event was a big success through the generous donations of the local communities and area business leaders. All proceeds go directly to The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts.

Legal Notices

Legal Ad
AGAWAM
HISTORICAL
COMMISSION

The Agawam Historical Commission will be holding a public hearing at 7:00 PM on **Thursday, June 26, 2014**, at the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street. The purpose of this hearing will be to review the Demolition Permit for 14 North Westfield Street which comes under the Town of Agawam's Demolition Delay Ordinance.

By Order of **David Cecchi**,
Chairman
AGAWAM HISTORICAL
COMMISSION
6/12,6/19/14

Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-8600
Docket No. HD14P1103EA
Estate of:
Michael S. Lynch
Date of Death: 09/30/2013
NOTICE OF
INFORMAL PROBATE
G.L. c. 190B, § 3-306

To all persons who have or may have some interest in the above-captioned estate and, if interested, to the Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Veterans Affairs, notice is hereby given on 11/12/2013 that the Petitioner **William M. Flaherty** of West Springfield MA intends to file with the above-named Probate and Family Court, not sooner

than seven (7) days after this notice, a Petition for Informal Probate of a Will

Petition for Informal Appointment of Personal Representative, to serve without surety on the bond **William M. Flaherty** of West Springfield MA

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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AGAWAM
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The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on **Thursday, June 26, 2014 at 6:40 PM** at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, Mass. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the

Request for Determination of Applicability of Snow for property located at 49 Silver Lake Drive.

By Order of **Henry A. Kozloski**, Chairman
Agawam Conservation
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6/19/14

AGAWAM
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LEGAL AD

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on **Thursday, June 26, 2014 at 6:30 PM** at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, Mass. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the petition of Tirone for an Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation for property located on Tanglewood Lane.

By Order of **Henry A. Kozloski**, Chairman
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50 State Street
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Docket No. HD09P1433PM
In the matter of:
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To the named Respondent and all other interested per-

sons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the First through Fourth account(s) of **Jewish Family Services of W. MA** of Springfield, MA as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance.

You have the right to object to the account(s). If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of 07/02/2014. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance

and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s).

Additionally, within thirty days after said return day (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Conservator pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court.

You have the right to send to the Conservator, by registered or certified mail, a written request to receive a copy of the account(s) at no cost to you.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. **Anne M Geoffrion**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 04, 2014
Suzanne T Seguin
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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT on Monday, July 7, 2014 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., at the Tax Collector's Office, Agawam City Hall, pursuant to the provisions of the general Laws, Chapter 60, Section 53, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Collector of Taxes, IT IS MY INTENTION TO TAKE FOR THE City of Agawam the following parcels of land for non-payment of the taxes due thereon, with interest and all incidental expenses and costs to the date of taking, unless the same shall have been paid before that date.

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Families

Local musician returns for ‘Lunchtime Lyrics’

Returning for her fourth Adult Summer Reading Program season, local folk artist Corlene Roberts will play her guitar and sing folk, country, rock, oldies, originals and maybe even some kids’ tunes during “Lunchtime Lyrics” beginning June 30 from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Roberts is a regular at the Daily Grind in Southwick and has played at local farmers’ markets and wine-tasting events.

The public is invited to bring a lunch to the library and enjoy some mid-day music.

Other “Lunchtime Lyrics” dates are Tuesday, July 8; Wednesday, July 16; Thursday, July 24; and Friday, Aug. 1.

No registration is necessary. For more information, www.agawamlibrary.org.

Westfield State celebrates Reunion Weekend

WESTFIELD – The Westfield State Alumni Association will host its annual Reunion Weekend, two days of activities for Westfield State alumni, Saturday, June 21, through Sunday, June 22. All alumni are invited, but there will be specific activities and receptions for the Classes of 1964 and 1989 as well as alumni of Residential Life/Orientation Staff and the Urban Education program.

The Class of 1964 will have the option to take a shuttle to the Berkshires to visit the Norman Rockwell Museum. Alumni can take a tour of the campus to see the new construction and changes that have happened since their graduation. There will be an Alumni Store open in University Hall, Westfield State’s newest housing unit. Saturday afternoon features a Reunion Weekend BBQ with food, a cash bar, and entertainment. Following the barbeque will be “Cup Time in the Courtyard” featuring the music of “Just George,” a Westfield State alumnus singer.

Also featured will be a slideshow presentation for the Residential Life/Orientation Staff and a celebration dinner featuring music, dancing, a cash bar, an interactive photo booth, and a buffet. The weekend concludes on Sunday with a reunion brunch.

To register for Reunion Weekend, visit www.westfield-alumni.org. There are a number of packages offered including a full registration weekend (\$150 for residents, \$125 for commuters), or specific dining options including Saturday BBQ and Cup Time for \$30, Saturday Celebration Dinner for \$50, and Sunday Reunion Brunch for \$20.

Visit the Westfield State alumni website for more information and a complete schedule of events. For any questions regarding Reunion Weekend, contact Kathi Bradford at (413) 485-7355 or KBradford@westfield.ma.edu.

Seniors

St. John’s Travelers announce bus trips

St. John’s Travelers has announced the following upcoming trips, which are open to the public.

Wednesday, July 9: A bus trip to the MacHaydn Theater in Chatham, N.Y. to see a presentation of “42nd Street.” Cost is \$85 per person, which includes roundtrip deluxe motor coach, sit-down luncheon at Michael’s, reserved seats for 42nd Street, meal taxes and gratuities and driver’s gratuity. The luncheon menu will include choice of roast beef, baked stuff scrod or baked stuffed chicken with salad, rolls and butter, vegetable and dessert. A \$10 deposit is required with reservation. The bus will depart

St. John’s Church on Main Street in Agawam at 10 a.m. and return at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 22: A bus trip to the Newport Playhouse and Cabaret Restaurant for a showing of “Lobster Playhouse.” Cost is \$95 per person and includes roundtrip motor coach, narrated tour of Newport, buffet luncheon and one lobster per person, tickets for two shows (the Playhouse comedy show and a cabaret show), meal taxes and gratuities. The bus departs St. John’s Church at 7:30 a.m. and returns at approximately 7:30 p.m.

For information and reservations for both trips, call Emile Coté at (413) 335-9440.

Agawam Senior Center

Weekly calendar of events

Monday, June 23: 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9 a.m., Painting Club; 9:30 a.m., Line Dancing; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., Bingo; 5 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Tuesday, June 24: 9 a.m., Knitting, Shuffleboard (meet at St. John’s courts); 12:30 p.m., Ladies Billiards, Mah Jongg, Movie (“Bad News Bears”); 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 4:30 p.m., Yoga; 6 p.m., Beginner Line Dance.

Wednesday, June 25: 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Scrabble; 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers Chapter 1 Picnic (no meeting); 5 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Thursday, June 26: 9:30 a.m., Quilting; 10 a.m., Line Dancing; 12:30 p.m.,

Bridge; 1 p.m., Pitch; 2 p.m., Melody Band Practice; 6:30 p.m., Pitch.

Friday, June 27: 8 a.m., Yoga; 9:15 a.m., All Media Art Class; 10 a.m., Last Tai Chi for Summer; Noon, Canasta; 1 p.m., Pitch, Cribbage; 5 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Lunch menu

Monday, June 23: Chicken stir-fry, stir-fry vegetables, brown rice, watermelon.

Tuesday, June 24: Roast turkey salad cold plate, tomato, cucumber, carrots, garlic bread, baked good.

Wednesday, June 25: Italian wedding pasta casserole with meatballs, spring salad, diced pears.

Thursday, June 26: Italian roasted chicken, roasted potatoes, California blend vegetables, peaches.

Friday, June 27: Clam chowder, egg salad sandwich on whole-wheat, broccoli salad, pudding.

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Betsy McMullin stirs the cut and sweetened local strawberries.

The Agawam Congregational Church held its annual Strawberry Supper on Saturday, June 14. The homemade meal included ham, potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans, rolls, coffee, tea, and of course, strawberry shortcake. The 220 lbs. of fresh strawberries were picked locally by three people in a course of three hours.



Freshly-cut roses are ready for their vases.

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Kimberly Hatch



Karen McTaggart checks on the homemade baked beans.



Dale Melanson puts the finishing touches on the table settings.



Dale Melanson cuts fresh roses for the tables.



Betsy McMullin, left, and Carol Allen assist each other with making the cole slaw.



Karen McTaggart begins the process of whipping cream for the strawberry shortcake.



Ruby red strawberries await consumption.



SPORTS

Summer soccer off to hot start

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications
Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam boys soccer team usually has a great presence in the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League.

The Brownies usually field an “A” team and a “B” team each season and several varsity and junior varsity players from last season are joined by eighth graders as they all prepare to get ready for the upcoming fall season.

Agawam is off to a good start early in the 12-game short summer season. Agawam’s A team scored a 2-0 victory over Chicopee in their first game, and dominated Pittsfield in their second game of the season Monday night.

Joe Sciarтели takes over the helm coaching this summer. His son, Anthony Sciarтели, is going to be a junior on the team next season and he took the task of volunteering to spend time with the players this summer.

“It’s a really good league and helps the kids be able to start playing and get ready for the fall,” he said.

Several of Agawam’s varsity players from last season have decided to get an early start by playing this summer. Among those players are last year’s leading scorer Brodie Keene.

Keene will be a senior next year. Agawam had a very difficult time scoring scores during the year. Keene was one of the few bright

spots for the Brownies as a viable option at the striker position.

Also playing with the summer team this year are Nick Hanchett and Tyler Graves. On defense, Kris Page is with the summer team this year.

In goal for most of the games will be Sean Moore. Moore served as the backup goalie for Nick Twohig last season. Moore will be a junior this year and is hoping for the opportunity to start in goal during the fall season. He plans to work hard and compete for the starting position with the varsity this fall.

Agawam’s summer season began last week and will continue until July 25. Playoffs in the league begin on Monday, July 28 for most teams.

Agawam has not reached the playoffs in two years. There are 15 teams in the A-League, most of them coming from the larger schools in Western Massachusetts. Teams are awarded two points for a win and one point for a tie. The top eight teams will play for the league championship.

Agawam last competed in the quarterfinals two years ago, losing to Amherst. Agawam plays most of their home games behind Roberta Doering School.

Agawam next plays on Monday at East Longmeadow North at 7:45 p.m. under the lights.

Gregory A. Scibelli is a sports correspondent for Turley Publications. He can be reached at gscibelli@turley.com.



Turley Publications photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

The Agawam Summer Soccer “A” team played Monday night, defeating Pittsfield. The team is 2-0 to start the summer season.

MASSOIA RECEIVES SUFFIELD ACADEMY SOFTBALL MVP



Turley Publications submitted photo

SUFFIELD - In a recent ceremony Marysa Massoia a junior team captain from Feeding Hills received the Desalvo Softball Award. During the season Massoia played shortstop, pitcher and catcher for the Tigers. This award is given to the player who the coaches feel is the most dedicated and most valuable. She is pictured with coach Emily Balaban-Garber (left), Marysa Massoia (middle) and coach Patrick Booth (right).

Six Brownies garner top honors

Named to Volleyball All-Star team

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications
Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – Four top players for Agawam High School boys volleyball shined this season and were selected to play in the Volleyball Hall of Fame High School All-Star game held Tuesday night at Ludlow High School.

This season, Agawam had a special group of seniors that included

Wade Robidoux, Bailey Cecchi, Ben Cassidy, and Zach Goggin.

The quartet, along with a great group of Agawam players brought the Brownies all the way back to the state championship game this season. Though Agawam failed to repeat as champions, they were very difficult to defeat for Newton South.

Goggin made his mark as a volleyball player for the Brownies this season. He was the team’s primary

setter for the past two seasons.

This year, Goggin added an extra element to his game, making soft sets just over the net to confuse teams that were preparing for one of Agawam’s heavy strikers to come up with a big spike.

For the season, Goggin had 621 assists. He made 104 digs, and had 63 kills. He also picked up 24 aces during the season.

Robidoux was a fixture for the

See ALL-STARS, page 13

Newton South topples Agawam in finals

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications
Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The historic run for the Agawam boys volleyball team ended last Friday night when the Brownies were physically defeated for the first time in 2014 by Newton South.

After only being defeated in five games the entire year, the Brown-

ies were on the receiving end of a 3-0 shutout by Newton South, the South Massachusetts champions.

Agawam was the top-seeded team in Western Massachusetts with a 16-2 record season record after only suffering two losses by forfeit due to the inadvertent use of an ineligible player.

This season, only Chicopee Comp, their longtime rivals, took them to a fifth game in a set.

Three other teams were able to get Agawam to a fourth game in a set.

In the playoffs, though, Agawam and their pursuit of a state championship, turned it up one more notch as they shut out every team from the onset of the tournament.

Agawam shut out Sabis and Westfield to open the playoffs. They then went to the sectional

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SPORTS CALENDAR

Parks & Rec hosting Red Sox trips

AGAWAM - The Agawam Parks & Recreation Department is running two trips to Fenway this summer. Registration has begun and will be taken on a first come first serve basis. For more information on these trips please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 413-821-0513. Boston Red Sox versus Chicago Cubs, Monday, June 30, Pavilion Box - Section 13. Cost is \$143 per person Boston Red Sox versus Houston Astros, Friday, Aug. 15, Section 26. Cost is \$104 per person. The bus will leave from the Agawam High School three hours before game time.

Sacred Heart still looking for softball players

AGAWAM - Sacred Heart Athletic Association softball leagues are still accepting signups for the following age groups. U-14 NEYSA team, U-12 NEYSA team, Coach pitch league grades third, second and first. The cost for instructional coach pitch softball (first, second and third grades) is \$75 and NEYSA is \$100. Contact George at 413-374-2283 for more information or to register.

Crestview Ladies League open to the public

AGAWAM - Crestview Country Club's ParTee Ladies Golf League is preparing for another season of golf and is open to all women golfers, from the competitive to the "just for fun" golfer. There are a limited number of spots left. Cost is \$70 to join, which includes weekly prizes, special events and a final banquet, also with prizes and year-end gifts. For more information, contact Kay Soja by phone at 413-789-7901 or e-mail sojacatherine54@comcast.net.

Basketball camp at Westfield State

WESTFIELD - The Westfield State University basketball camp for boys and girls ages 7 to 15 years old will be held July 7-11. Contact women's basketball head coach Andrea Bertini at 413-572-8105 or abertini@westfield.ma.edu for questions and additional information.

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Brownies on the front line. He regularly spent time trading out with the libero and was brought in as a specialist on the net. Robidioux was adept having a hard, downward strike that was difficult for any opponent to guard against. His height also made him a good blocker. He had 135 kills this season, averaging nearly six per game. Cassidy was excellent in a number of roles for the Brownies this season. His teammate could count on him to provide a kill when needed, but he also was skilled at a dig. Finally, Cassidy also provided consistent service points for Agawam. For the season he had 187 kills, an average of more than eight per game. He had 50 assists, 36 blocks, and 85 digs for the year. At the service line, he had 26 aces. Cecchi was another consistent force for the Brownies as he usually spent time on the court no matter which position he was in. He was excellent from the back line, and was the team leader in kills for the year. He finished with 225, an average of nearly 10 per game. He had great intensity this year and was a leader on the court for the Brownies. Agawam players Jeff Leclerc and Aiden Pender were also selected as second team members by the all-star section committee. Agawam finished with a record 20-3 this year.

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championship game and shut out West Springfield 3-0. In the state semifinals, they defeated Central Massachusetts champion Xaverian by the same score. Unfortunately for the Brownies, Newton South had different plans. The team followed a similar path to Agawam but had no actual defeats this season. The had a 24-0 record heading into the state championship game, and had only lost seven games the entire season. They defeated Needham, last year's South champion, to win the sectional title, and had to work very hard to shutout Agawam, winning by scores of 25-20, 25-23, and 27-25. In the first set, the Lions took an early lead and were able to cruise to the victory, though Agawam did have some good runs in that first game. In the second game, the teams were very close throughout and ended up tied 23-23. Outside hitter Jonathan Lee came up with a big kill to get the 25th point of the match and send Newton South to a 2-0 lead. The Brownies would hold an advantage during the third game of the set, but had difficult closing it out even after they had scored the 25th point of the match. Agawam was only up 25-24, and Newton South was able to come up with three straight points to get the victory in extra volleys. For the game, Agawam was led by Zach Goggin with 38 assists as the setter. He also had an ace and two kills. Bailey Cecchi led Agawam with 18 kills and Wade Robidoux finished with nine kills.

Heney named Coach of the Year

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – Agawam boys lacrosse has lacked some stability in their coaching during the past few years, but under a new, enthusiastic coach, they excelled and reached the tournament with an excellent 14-4 record. Heney was selected as Coach of the Year in Western Massachusetts, the next in a long line of Agawam coaches that have received the honor. Softball coach Kathy Georgina, girls lacrosse coach Carla Warner, and ice hockey coach Rich Feeley have also received the honor in recent years. Heney credited his players with being accountable for themselves and says he established the vision and the culture of the program. “As a first year varsity coach, my number one priority was to establish a lacrosse culture at Agawam that aligns with our vision for the program,” said Heney. “Our goal was to make gradual improvements within our game day in and day out, have the boys learn how to play with one another and for one another, and lastly to value the small aspects of the game in order to create success. I was fortunate to have tremendous support from my assistant coaches Eric Balslov, and Mike Piccin, and a group of guys who came to play every day with our goals in mind.” Agawam has had some minor success in recent years, but nothing close to their record this season as well as their league title. “Our 14-4 record as well as our 8-0 league record are the products of our accountability to the details that we work on

each day in practice,” said Heney. “From the leadership of our captains (Anthony Saccomani, Tyler Billick, TJ Lockwood, and Bobby Koziol) on the field, to the way the sideline players valued their roles – it allowed us to create the desired results on the field.” Heney was very happy with the award he received, but was much more interested in pointing out that Agawam boys lacrosse also received a sportsmanship award. “I was filled with such gratitude for the coaches and teachers I have had along the way,” said Heney. “I learned so much from these leaders that it seems all I did was further their message. It is my honor to accept this award and represent Agawam Lacrosse. “More importantly, the Agawam Varsity Lacrosse team received the Sportsmanship Award that is voted on by high school officials. This award represents how our athletes responded to the task of always competing fairly as a student athlete at the varsity level. This recognition speaks to how well the boys learned to respect competitors, officials, and the game.” Heney, a physical education teacher at Robinson Park Elementary School and a graduate of nearby Springfield College, says he will be remaining with the team next year and hopes to improve even more. “Next season we will continue to work towards our goals of building our success. We now have a great foundation and thanks to all the support this year our underclassman can see what it takes to be at the next level,” said Heney.

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GOLF CALENDAR

Agawam High School Athletics to host 20th Annual Golf Tournament in September

AGAWAM - The Agawam High School Athletic Department invites the public to save the date and participate in its 20th annual golf tournament to be held Saturday, Sept. 27 at Oak Ridge Country Club. This tournament raises money to help support the athletes and coaches of the Agawam High School programs. Student athletes do not pay fees at Agawam High School as some do in other communities. Please join us for an enjoyable day and support a good cause. Specific details/information will be released soon. If you would like to participate as a golfer or sponsor, or donate a raffle prize, please contact Dave Stratton in the Athletic Office at 821-0529 or at dstratton@agawampublicschools.org.

Golfers wanted for inaugural William B. Menard Memorial Tournament

AGAWAM - Local golf pro William (Billy) Menard passed away unexpectedly after a short illness in October 2013 at the age of 29. The inaugural William B. Menard Golf Tournament will take place at Crestview Country Club on Friday, June 20. Menard played golf for Agawam High School, Johnson Wales University; returning to Agawam to become an assistant pro at area courses including Crestview Country Club and Ellington Ridge in Connecticut. Menard's passion for golf was reflected in his devotion to the sport in both his personal and professional life. Menard especially loved teaching junior golfers how to play the “right way” and always included the life's lessons that go with the sport.

Menard's family and friends would like to honor his memory by holding this annual tournament with proceeds going toward funding a scholarship established in his name. The scholarship will be presented to a local student studying golf course management in college; winners will be announced at the end of each tournament. This year marks the first year of the event held at Crestview Country Club in Agawam. Golfers interested in playing, sponsors, and those wishing to make donations should contact; Bryan Menard at billygolf13@gmail.com for information and entry forms. The field is limited to 36 teams and entry fees and donations should be in by June 14. Join Menard's family and friends in honoring his memory with a great day of golf and fun!

Tommy Quinn Memorial Golf Tournament set for July 6

AGAWAM - The annual Tommy Quinn Memorial Golf Tournament will take place at Oak Ridge Golf Club on Sunday, July 6. There will be dinner, raffle and prizes. Entry fee is \$100 per person or \$30 for dinner only. Format is a four-man scramble. Registration begins at 11 a.m. Lunch runs from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Cocktails follow from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. For information or tickets call Red Top at 413-426-7908, Aldo Palazzi at 413-427-1187, Donna Quinn Pisano at 413-351-5207 or Jackie Guiel at 413-896-2545.

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Mahoney tosses perfect game for five innings

By Dave Forbes
Turley Publications Sports Staff Writer

HOLYOKE - PeoplesBank is two weeks into the Tri-County League regular season and the competition is already having a hard time trying to beat them.

The Bankers (6-0-0, 12 points) extended their season long win streak to six games with victories over Wilbraham Funeral Home, Dream Bats and Easthampton Savings Bank last week.

The win streak looked to be in jeopardy against Wilbraham Funeral Home as the Bankers trailed 5-4 in the top of the seventh before Teddy Larud popped a game-tying solo homer to send the game to extra innings.

Peoples then pushed across four runs in the top of the eighth to seal the 9-5 victory.

Larud was 3-for-3 with the homer, two doubles and two runs scored. Tom Bouvier was 2-for-3 with a run scored. Mike Dombrowski was 2-for-3 with a run scored and an RBI. Dave Clark was 2-for-5 with a run scored and two RBIs. Ryan Franczek added a hit, a run scored and two RBIs, as did Pete Hogan.

Joe Popielarzzyck gutted out the win on the mound as he pitched all eight innings, giving up five runs (two earned) on six hits while walking one and striking out seven.

Peoples then went on to an 8-2 win over Dream Bats.

Nick Noblit got the win on the mound with his five-inning, one run (no earned), one hit, three walk, eight strikeout effort. Danny Gaines pitched the last two innings, allowing one earned run on one hit and two strikeouts.

Bouvier paced the offense with two hits, a run scored and an RBI. Sam Goodwin-Boyd was 2-for-3 with a run scored. Larud added a hit, a run scored and two RBIs. Joe Ferry had a hit, two runs scored and an RBI. Dombrowski and Hogan each had a hit and a run scored.



PeoplesBank pitcher Tom Mahoney (13) was perfect for the first five innings in a 9-4 win over Easthampton Savings Bank on Monday, June 9.



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PeoplesBank shortstop Ryan Franczek (6) is off to another hot start this season. He had three doubles in the team's win over Easthampton.

Tom Mahoney then flirted with perfection in a 9-4 win over Easthampton Savings Bank in the Peoples home opener on Monday, June 9.

Mahoney, who picked up his third win of the season, had a perfect game going until the top of the sixth when a single broke it up. He finished the game going six innings, allowing three runs (two earned) on two hits while walking one and striking out five.

Franczek shone on offense with three doubles, a run scored and two RBIs. Hogan belted a two-run homer in the third as he went 2-for-3 with a run scored and four RBIs. Bouvier added a hit and two runs scored. Clark had a hit and an RBI, while Sam Barron had a hit, a run scored and an RBI.



Peoples infielder Zach Goodwin-Boyd (18) makes a throw to first base.

Casagrande tournament set for summer

LUDLOW - The 13th annual Lou Casagrande Baseball Tournament will take place July 28-Aug. 3.

The cost is \$275 per team.

There are three guaranteed games in the 8-10, 10-12 or 12-14 age divisions.

Send check and registration to: Ludlow Baseball Association c/o Bob Bohl, 50 Elaine Dr., Ludlow, MA 01056.

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Tri-County League standings

TEAM	W	L	T	Points
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Wilbraham Funeral Home	3	2	1	7
Chicopee Falls Tigers	3	5	0	6
St. Joseph's	3	1	0	6
DiFranco Realty	2	3	1	5
Manny's	2	0	1	5
Teddy Bear Pools	2	0	0	4
Easthampton Savings Bank	2	1	0	4
Longmeadow	2	3	0	4
Sampson Chapels	1	7	1	3
Ash-Dee	1	3	0	2
Dream Bats	1	3	0	2

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Scramble for the Animals seeks golfers

FEEDING HILLS - Volunteers of the Westfield Homeless Cat Project and Friends of the Westfield Regional Animal Shelter invite golfers to a Scramble for the Animals on Sunday, August 3 at Oak Ridge Golf Club.

This year's \$5,000 goal will help to save the lives of hundreds of cats and dogs in the Greater Westfield area.

The \$95 cost includes golf, cart, lunch, dinner and prizes; dinner only is \$25. Prizes for a hole-in-one include: a new car from Bertera Subaru, a \$3500 value pool or spa from Teddy Bear Pools and Spa and a cash prize of \$700. Other prizes include \$100 cash for closet to the pin - male and female, and \$50 for longest drive - male and female.

Signup will be at 11:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. The registration deadline is July 15.

Please consider sponsoring a hole for \$50.00. It can be in the name of a business, in honor of or in memory of a loved one, or pet. Raffles prizes will also be appreciated. For more information and registration form, contact Marie Boccasile at 413-564-0589 or e-mail at marieboccasile@gmail.com.

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Wednesday Family Night: 7 p.m.

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Agawam Curran-Jones
Funeral Home

Griffin, Alan J.
Died June 8, 2014
Funeral at the convenience of the family

Catholic bible camp for children

Sacred Heart Parish in Feeding Hills will host a totally Catholic, weeklong Bible camp Monday, July 21, through Friday, July 25, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Morning and afternoon snacks and lunch are provided.

The program will include daily scripture themes, crafts, outdoor games, activities, music, food and fun. For children in grades kindergarten through grade 6, youth volunteers in grades 7 through 11 are welcome to

assist in the program. The cost for one child is \$50 and \$75 for two or more. Medical form, registration and fees need to be completed as soon as possible.

For more information or to register, call Lisa Raffia, secretary and Religious Education coordinator, at (413) 786-8200. Registrations forms are available at www.sacred-heartfeedinghills.org. All are welcome to attend, regardless of parish affiliation.

St. John’s to host Corpus Christi procession

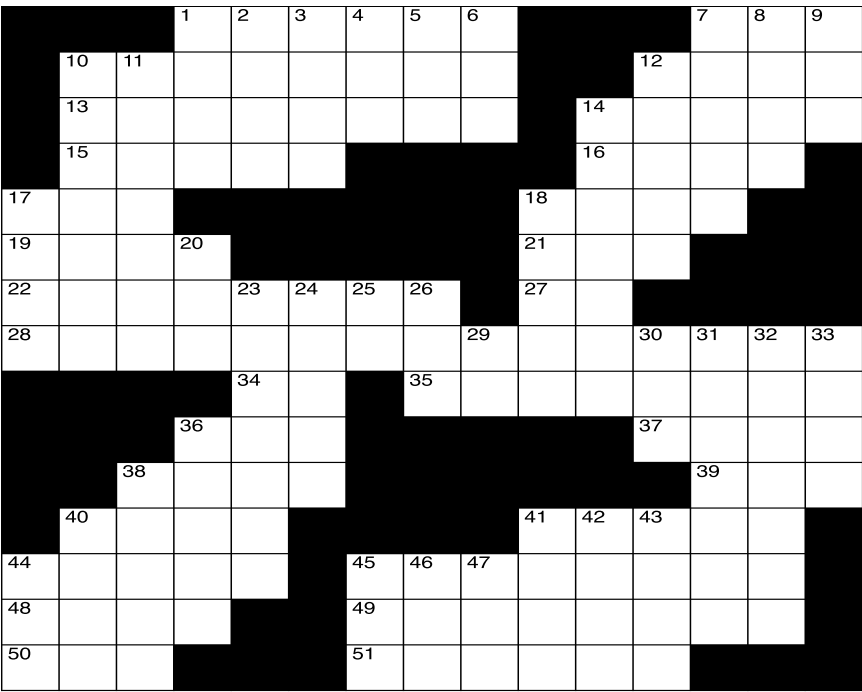
In celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi, St. John the Evangelist Church in Agawam will host a procession with the Eucharist Sunday, June 22, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

“The significance of processing in public with the Eucharist is two-fold,” said Sal Circosta, director of Religious Education and youth minister at St. John’s. “First, it displays our public worship and reverence to Jesus Christ, who is fully present in the

Eucharist. Secondly, it is a form of evangelizing; there are so many people hungry for Christ in the public square, this is our attempt to bring Jesus to them, and invite them back to the Church.”

The procession will begin at St. John’s, 833 Main St., at approximately 11:30 a.m., and ends at Giovanni’s Italian Pastries, 719 Main St.

For more information, contact Sal Circosta, DREagawam@gmail.com.



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- Orange-brown African antelope
- Access steps
- Scottish word for gutter
- Oiled whetstone
- Tranquility
- Indian rat snake genus
- Competent
- Premier _____ Wine
- Carbamide
- Belongs to “2001” computer
- Campaign commission
- Lives without oxygen
- Blue Hen school
- Herb-grinding tools
- “Fast Five” star’s initials
- Does not pay debts
- Word element meaning life
- Town of 1993 Texas siege
- Prohibitions
- Cardboard box (abbr.)
- Hillside (Scot.)
- Yemen capital
- Plural of 40 across
- Cloths showing needlework skills
- Settled a debt
- Cause annoyance in
- Million gallons per day (abbr.)
- Parson

CLUES DOWN

- Pale (archaic)
- ____ Marie Presley
- Bachelor of _____
- Deuce
- Light brown color
- Vision organ
- Australian bear
- A single occurrence
- Stinging insect
- High voice
- About title
- Medieval fiddle
- Marched in a procession
- People of Southeast Asia
- Hoopoe bird genus
- Unit of a tennis match
- Steep-sided valleys
- China’s largest ghost town
- Undergraduate degree
- Finish
- 1st state
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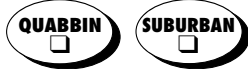
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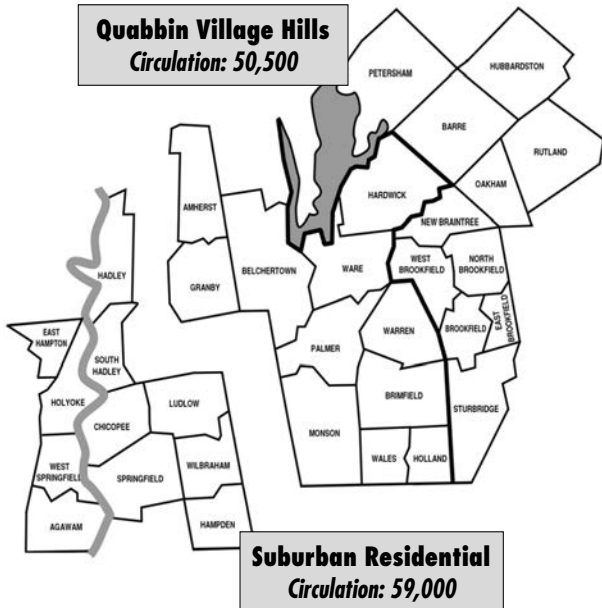
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Out & About

OUR CALENDAR SECTION is intended to promote “free” events, or those that directly affect a volunteer-driven organization. Paid events that are not deemed benefits do not qualify. Non-charitable events that charge the public for profit are not allowed as we consider that paid advertising. The deadline to submit calendar items is Monday at noon. Send to the Agawam Advertiser News at aan@turley.com, fax to 786-8457, or mail to 23 Southwick St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030. We usually print at least one week prior to an event. The listings should be brief with only time, date, location, activity explanation and contact information.

Friday, June 20

A SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALL DINNER TO BENEFIT THE EVVGIRL FOUNDATION will take place from 5-7 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 10. They may be purchased at the Senior Center, by calling Emile Coté at 335-9440 or at the door. The public is invited.

THE SPRINGFIELD TURNVEREIN, located at 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, offers entertainment by different bands every Friday night beginning at 8 p.m. The public is welcome.

Saturday, June 21

THE ANNUAL ROBINSON STATE PARK DAY will be held beginning at 8 a.m. This year’s event will focus on walks, with a variety appropriate for all ages. There is a \$5 entry fee for each vehicle that enters through the front gate at 462 North St., Feeding Hills. Members of the Friends Group will be available at the Trestle Pavilion with photo displays and maps to answer questions and help attendees learn more about the park.

A COMMUNITY TAG AND BAKE SALE will take place at St. David’s Epis-

copal Church, 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Off-street parking available. The public is invited.

THE SPRINGFIELD TURNVEREIN, located at 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, features karaoke every Saturday beginning at 8 p.m. The public is welcome.

THE HOLYOKE MERRY-GO-ROUND is open Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m., The public is invited. For more information, call (413) 538-9838 or visit www.holyokemerrygoround.com.

Sunday, June 22

THE AGAWAM HISTORICAL AND FIREHOUSE MUSEUM will be open from 1-4 p.m. A new exhibit, “Riverside Park – A Century as the Playground of the Connecticut Valley,” is being featured this year. David Cecchi will be present to share pieces of his Riverside Park collection and to sign copies of his book on Riverside Park. For more information, visit www.agawamhistoricalassociation.org.

A FREE BREAKFAST ON THE LAWN is offered every Sunday at 9 a.m. at Hope Community Church located at 152 South Westfield St., Feeding Hills. Everyone is welcome on the “hill” for a good breakfast and good fellowship. For more information, call (413) 786-2445 or email office@hope-churchagawam.org.

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS will host a “mini tour” at 1 p.m., led by Jerre Hoffman, Wood Museum of Springfield History, focusing on “1899 Knox Automobiles.” The tour is free with museum admission and secure, free onsite parking is available.

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Monday, June 23

THE ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM will kick off its 2014 season, “Literary Elements,” with READLocal, a gathering of 10 local authors, at the Agawam Public Library from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Refreshments will be served. The public is invited.

Tuesday, June 24

THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER will host a free movie (“Bad News Bears”) at 12:30 p.m. The public is welcome.

ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library. No registration needed.

Wednesday, June 25

TRIVIA NIGHT AT THE SPRINGFIELD TURNVEREIN, located at 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, takes place every Wednesday night in June beginning at 7 p.m. The public is invited. Prizes are awarded.

Thursday, June 26

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present “American Legends in Art, 1910-1960,” featuring Heather Haskell and Julia Courtney, at 12:15 p.m. in the Museum of Fine Arts at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

UPCOMING AND ONGOING

THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER will welcome grandparents and their grandchildren for games, crafts, face painting and food, Friday, June 27, from 4-6 p.m. Cost is \$5 for grandparents and free for grandchildren. To make a reservation, call 821-0605, ext. 0.

LUNCHTIME LYRICS will take place Monday, June 30, from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library. Corlene Roberts returns for her fourth season and will play her guitar at this free event. The public is invited to bring a lunch and enjoy some mid-day music.

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam, offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper Wednesday, July 9, at a cost of \$7 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

FITNESS FIRST HEALTH & FITNESS CENTER, 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, will host a blood drive sponsored by Mercy Medical Center, Wednesday, July 23, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A driver’s license with photo or state identification with photo is required to donate blood. All donors should eat at least two to three hours prior to donating, weigh at least 110 pounds and must be 18 years or older. To make an appointment, call (413) 786-1460.

A FALLSFEST MUSIC FESTIVAL will take place Saturday, July 26, at Beachgrounds Park, 116 Main St., in South Hadley Falls. The event is free but non-perishable food items for Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Pantry are welcome. For more information, visit www.shfallsfest.com or call (413) 219-5577.

YOUR CAR, TRUCK OR CAMPER may be worth more as a donation than a trade-in. Call the Massachusetts Association for the Blind at (888) 613-2777 for more information. Towing is free. All donations are tax deductible.

Campus Notes...

Clark University: Mary I. Molloy, of Agawam, was named to second honors for the spring semester. Emma G. Philips, of Agawam, was named to first honors on the dean’s list for the spring semester.

Clarkson University: Kathleen McDonald, of Feeding Hills, was named a Presidential Scholar for the spring 2014 semester. James Watkins, of Feeding Hills, will attend Clarkson University beginning in the fall as a member of the Class of 2018 and will major in electrical engineering.

College of the Holy Cross: Michael Paulin, of Agawam, received a Bachelor of Arts degree May 23 at the school’s 168th Commencement.

Eastern New Mexico University: William Pollock, of Agawam, graduated at commencement ceremonies held May 10.

Fitchburg State University: Timothy J. Michalak, of Feeding Hills, was named to the spring semester president’s list. James E. Paleologopoulos, of Agawam, and Benjamin Clinton and Ashley E. Clinton, of Feeding Hills, were named to the spring semester dean’s list.

Holyoke Community College: The following students were awarded either an associate degree or certificate at commencement ceremonies held May 31: Agawam: Brittney Nicole Allivato, Cherise M. Antoine, Liya

I. Bazukina, Brian A. Beach, Janice Beach, Emily S. Bertera, Kristie M. Boutin, Amber L. Brainerd, Andrew James Drozdal, Tyler Joseph Egerton, Katherine M. Geoffrion, Christine Marie Giroux, Abbra R. Godbout, Andrea J. Graziano, Dina K. Kamburova, Andrea Machia, Andrea Machia, Andrew L. Magistri, Jaime L. McAtee, Blake Lynn Miller, Lauren K. Sotolotto, Alyssa Robyn Ziemba and Alyssa L. Zollner. Feeding Hills: Leonard R. Bruso, Amanda L. Cummings, Keith J. Giovaninni, Erin J. Hand, Randy Michael Holt, Dwight J. Koulgeorge, Lauren A. Lemire, Venhar Nuhui, Carly F. Pilon, Rosemarie Russo, Brianna E. St. Peter, Bryan Ronald Wisk, Sean Jude Yarymowicz. Florence: Eliot Bush, Dylan Chatterton, Susan B. Doyle, Susan B. Doyle, Autumn Fournier, Laura A. Hale, Emily M. Laufer, Gregory T. Ludwiczak, Johnnie H. Mitchell, Samantha K. Moffett, Craig W. Odgers, Xitlaly Bepsi Ruiz, Letitia C. Scafidi, Christian S. Smith-Ahearn, Jay R. Snyder, Euzilene B. Stone and Bryan E. Torres.

Lycoming College: Justin Miller, of Agawam, graduated with a degree in business management and business marketing on May 4.

Stonehill College: Lauren A. Dougherty, of Feeding Hills, has been named to the spring semester dean’s list.

Chamber sponsors Career Day at Agawam High



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Dave Ratner, of Dave’s Pet Food City, was the keynote speaker at Career Day held recently at Agawam High School.

Career Day was held Monday, June 2, for 11th-graders at Agawam High School. Alan Rogers, chairperson of the West of the River Chamber of Commerce Education Committee, was in attendance as well as Mayor Richard Cohen, Superintendent of Schools William Sapelli and AHS Principal Steve Lemanski. Keynote speaker for the event was Dave Ratner of Dave’s Pet Food City.

Thirty-three guest speakers in all career areas, ranging from aerospace, engineering and accounting to cosmetology and zoology, addressed the students in three 40-minute sessions in a classroom setting. The students had an opportunity to ask questions in addition to learning first-hand about various occupations and vocations.

Instrumental in putting the program together was Lisa Sheehan, Career Center coordinator for Agawam High School. Many of the speakers were recruited by members of the Education Committee from the West of the River Chamber of Commerce.

During the past school year, the West of the River Chamber of Commerce also sponsored Career Day for eighth-graders at Agawam Junior High School and for students at the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative.

The Education Committee also awarded scholarships to students in West Springfield and Agawam as well as business grants for Chamber members.

Agawam Schools’ weekly lunch menu

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL
The Agawam High School lunch menu is posted on the school’s website.

AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
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AGAWAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Monday, June 23: Baked mozzarella sticks w/marinara sauce, whipped pota-

toes, green beans, fresh and chilled fruit.

Tuesday, June 24: Cheeseburger on a whole-wheat roll w/lettuce and tomatoes, French fries, fresh and chilled fruit.

Wednesday, June 25: Manager’s choice, fresh and chilled fruit.

Thursday, June 26: Last day of school. No lunch served.

